

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **March 29, 2017** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman - *via telephone*  
Carol Goldberg, Esq. - *via telephone*  
Lawrence Lefland, OD - *via telephone*  
Joseph Pavano, III, OD - *via telephone*  
Lawrence M. Sweeney - *via telephone*  
Regina A. Strand, OD - *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**I. Minutes**

The minutes from the November 30, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Ms. Goldberg.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

**Investigations Update**

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**License Reinstatement Review – Anthony Gordon, OD**

Celeste Dowdell, License and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Anthony Gordon, OD. Dr. Strand made a motion, seconded by Dr. Pavano, recommending that Dr. Gordon's license be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Strand, seconded by Dr. Lefland.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **June 28, 2017** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman  
Carol Goldberg, Esq.  
Lawrence Lefland, OD  
Joseph Pavano, III, OD  
Lawrence M. Sweeney  
Regina A. Strand, OD

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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**I. Minutes**

The minutes from the March 29, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Ms. Goldberg.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there is one case currently being investigated by the Department.

**III. OFFICE OF LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

Ross Zeldes, OD – Petition No. 2016-339

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health, presented a Reinstatement Consent Order in this matter.

Dr. Zeldes was present with Attorney Bridget Gallagher.

Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strand, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Blondin signed the Order which reinstated Dr. Zeldes' license to probation for a period of four years.

**IV. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board reviewed Public Act 17-115 - ***AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTION IN EYE CARE*** which has been transmitted to the Governor for signature.

**V. Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **September 27, 2017** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:            Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman – *via telephone*  
   Susan Barrett – *via telephone*  
   Carol Goldberg, Esq. – *via telephone*  
   Lawrence Lefland, OD – *via telephone*  
   Joseph Pavano, III, OD – *via telephone*  
   Lawrence M. Sweeney – *via telephone*  
   Regina A. Strand, OD – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:            Carol Goldberg, Esq

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Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**I.        Minutes**

The minutes from June 28, 2017 will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**II.       Department of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there is one case currently being investigated by the Department.

**III.      CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The Board commented that a lecturer should not receive continuing education credit for giving a presentation.

**IV.      Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman  
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **November 29, 2017** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman  
Susan Barrett  
Carol Goldberg, Esq.  
Lawrence Lefland, OD  
Joseph Pavano, III, OD  
Lawrence M. Sweeney  
Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

**I. Minutes**

The minutes from the June 28, 2017 and September 27, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Goldberg, seconded by Mr. Sweeney.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Reinstatement after practicing with a lapsed license

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager, DPH Practitioner Investigation Unit explained the current policy regarding practitioners who have continued to practice after their license has expired and are seeking reinstatement. The current policy requires a Reinstatement Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a civil penalty which is calculated based on the time period the practitioner has continued to practice.

Dr. Strand made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lefland, recommending that DPH continue with its current policy. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. New Business**

Meeting Dates for 2018

Following are the meeting dates scheduled for 2018.

March 28, 2018

June 13, 2018

September 12, 2018

November 28, 2018

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

**V. Adjourn**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman

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